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## Casting About

The Dentists had a convention the other day — they said they were pulling for a better understanding — without novalcaine this time — if that was all they were pulling for — well, then it would be easy — they, the Doctors, plan to make visits to them comfortable — even "pleasant" — they said that all there was to it was, push, push, click, click — instead of grunt, grunt, yank, yank, tug, tug — one Dr. plans continuous waits music — some one is going to shoot movies on the ceiling — we thought they meant they were going to shoot the patient down from the ceiling — some of the Doctors are going to paint their walls a soft pastel color — their patients a soft dull gray — the dentists were cautioned never to say

"Guess I'll have to pull it" — instead — "I guess I'll have to pry it out" — a tiny stream of warm water will be sprayed over the patient — the instruments are to be hidden — it will be done bare-handed — smaller bars will be used on the drills — to lessen head vibration — they must mean the patients — while we're on the subject of new ideas — did you know that — men will feature the "bold look" — that's all it is girls — it's the clothes — coats will be longer — just above the knees — shirt collars will be wider — a two way dicky — neckties will be brighter — but enough of this — we have an appointment — out by the maple tree — where the violets grow — and the grass grows high — who are "We" do you say — "We" are, Algernon Shrubshop, and me — Algernon isn't very big — he isn't very old — his ears are too big — and he wobbles when he walks — but we are friends — good friends — so together we go — outside — to watch the trains go by — to growl at shadows — and shiver at the noises — and then howl at the moon — you bet — that's me — and — Algernon Shrubshop —

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 16  
Ball game. Colrain at Northfield. 2:30.  
May 17  
Friendly Class meeting 7:45.  
May 18  
Brotherhood meeting. 6:30. Dr. Hume speaks.  
Ball game. Northfield at Montague A. A. 6:30.  
May 21  
Ball game. Monarchs at Northfield. 6:30.  
Community Club No. 4 Dance. Union Hall.  
May 22  
Rev. Dr. Poling speaks on UMT in Brattleboro.  
May 23  
Ball game. Northfield at Sacred Hearts.  
May 25  
Ball game. Northfield at Russell.  
Legion meeting.  
May 26  
O. E. S. meeting at 8. Demolay Boys of Greenfield will put on Mothers Degree.  
May 27  
A Three Act comedy "Adams Evening" will be shown by the Ashfield Legion Dramatic Club.  
June 4  
Fortnightly food sale. Lawn of Alexander Hall.

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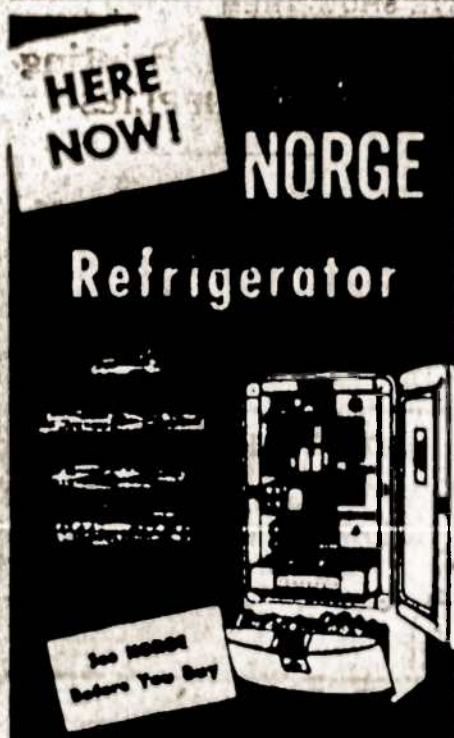
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## P-T. A. Annual Meeting Elects New Officers

More than 90 members were present at the annual meeting and banquet of the Northfield P-T. A. last Monday evening. Following the dinner, prepared by the Grange, the retiring President Charles White called the meeting to order and reports were heard from the following officers and committee chairmen: Mrs. Charles White, secretary; Edgar J. Livingston, treasurer; Mrs. Bernard Whitney, refreshments; Mrs. Ruth Martin, hospitality; Legislative, Mrs. Gerald Quigley; Scholarship, Rev. Joseph W. Reeves; By-Laws, Edgar J. Livingston; Program, Mrs. Glenn Billings; Membership, Mrs. Glenn Billings, who noted that the P-T. A. membership now stood at 100, a very substantial increase over the previous period; Basketball, Robert Barnes; President White briefly noted his activities for the year.

The Nominating Committee composed of I. J. Lawrence, chairman, Mrs. Kenneth Leach, and Mrs. Manuel Lopez, then presented the proposed set of new officers, James C. Gillespie, President; Harold H. McLean, Vice-President; Mrs. Gerald Quigley, secretary; Edgar J. Livingston, treasurer. McLean and Livingston were holdovers from the past year. Following the presentation of the slate by the nominating committee, an immediate motion was made from the floor to close nominations, this motion was seconded from the floor, but the motion was disallowed by President White on the grounds that it would be unfair to close nominations before the general membership was heard from. Further nominations were asked for, but none were received. Voting by show of hands, 35 out of the 90 present, voted for the slate proposed by the nominating committee, none dissented.

Past-president Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr., then installed the newly elected officers. A rising vote of thanks was given to the retiring president and secretary Mr. and Mrs. Charles White for their tireless and diligent work during the past year in behalf of the P-T. A. Mr. White, upon retiring from office, pledged his support and cooperation to Mr. Gillespie upon assuming the duties of his new office. Following the meeting, Miss Mabel Darrah, Alumni Secretary for the Northfield School for Girls, showed motion pictures of student activities in and around Northfield.

## War Dead Returned Potts and Matosky

The body of PFC Gilbert E. Potts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Potts of Glenwood avenue, East Northfield, has been returned to this country from Europe aboard the "Lawrence Victory".

PFC Potts served with Gen. Clark's Fifth Army in Italy and had been cited for bravery in North Africa and Sicily. He had been wounded in Italy and France, and was killed fighting with Gen. Patch's Army in the Strasbourg sector on Feb. 3, 1945. He had been overseas two years and had been awarded the Purple Heart with Oak Leaf cluster.

He was born on April 11, 1920. He graduated from Mt. Hermon in 1938 and Oxbow College in 1942. He had majored in social service work and won a scholarship at Boston University before entering the Army in June, 1942.

His body will be sent to Andover where it will be interred with his late wife, the former Deborah Spillings of North Andover.

The body of PFC Stanley Matosky arrived at the Brooklyn Army Base on the "Lawrence Victory".

PFC Stanley Matosky was 23 when he was killed in France on Oct. 7, 1944, while fighting with an infantry unit following service in North Africa and Italy. He entered the service in October, 1943, had basic training at Camp Croft and spent a ten day furlough with his wife, the former Esther Dymerski, whom he married on April 22, 1939. They lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Teofil Dymerski of Pine Meadow.

After his furlough, he reported to Fort Meade and from there was assigned overseas. Born in Bernadston on April 5, 1916, he attended schools there and was a state guardsman before entering the service. He was employed in the shipping department of the Millers Falls company before being called to duty.

## Teachers to Visit

The Northfield School Committee has declared Wednesday, May twelfth, a school holiday for all pupils in elementary and high school.

The day has been declared a teacher's visiting day, in which the members of the staff are expected to visit other schools and to be prepared to report at a staff meeting points of interest and information obtained from their visits.

## Orange High Band To Play For Parade

A large, colorful and varied program is being prepared by the Memorial Day committee of the Haven H. Spencer Post for the Memorial Day services on May 30 at 2 p. m.

The 40 piece Orange High School Band will play during the parade and at the services in honor of the war dead of Northfield.

Benedict F. Fitzgerald of Greenfield will deliver the address of the day, followed by the placing of the wreaths and flags upon the graves by the school children of Northfield. The children will also sing several numbers during the services.

Commander Richard Steenbruggen of the Haven H. Spencer post has again urged all those veterans now in Northfield to do honor to their departed comrades and join the Legion members in the parade and services.

## Elected Cum Laude

Mt. Hermon Mass. — Robert Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes and E. Lynn Partridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Partridge have been elected to the Mt. Hermon School chapter of Cum Laude, the national preparatory school honor society. They both entered the school in 1944 and have been active in athletics and are honor students. They will be inducted into the society May 12.

## Receives a Gift

The Northfield High School has recently been the recipient of a very fine original Italian etching of the Roman Forum, from Mrs. William P. Stanley. This large etching, 3' x 4', was obtained by Mrs. Stanley's father on a visit to Italy a number of years ago. The etching will be hung in the assembly hall.

ANSEL B. TRUE, M. D.

East Northfield, Mass.

wishes to announce that, beginning May 2, 1948, office hours will be by appointment only. Appointments may be made for the hours 2 to 4 and 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. No appointments will be made for Sunday, Wednesday or Saturday.

## "How To Conquer War" Talk at Silverthorne

The Northfield Chapter of the United World Federalists will present its major spring activity Friday evening, May 14, in the form of a talk entitled, "How to Conquer War," by Rev. Ernest H. Sommerfeld, minister of the Church of the Unity of Springfield, Mass. The meeting, in Silverthorne Hall, will start at 8:15 p.m.

The United World Federalists is a growing organization whose main purpose is to strengthen the United Nations' effort to become a limited world government. Its leaders feel they must convince the American people of the need for such action in view of the present world conditions and the possibility of a greater crisis in the future.

Mr. Sommerfeld is a young and forceful speaker, who will present a possible solution to the problem of the nation's insecurity. Discussion will follow. The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting.

## Rowe Campers Will Hold Annual Reunion

The Rowe Campers will hold their annual reunion in Schenectady, N. Y., on May 15-16. Registration will take place May 15 at the Schenectady Unitarian Church. Dinner will be at the church at 6:30 followed by the regular business meeting of the Rowe Camp Alumni Association.

Robert Hoagland of the local church will deliver the welcoming address.

Those wishing to attend should notify Mrs. T. R. Rhea, Algonquin road, Schenectady, RFD No. 1, N.Y. The lovely Rowe Camp, with splendid recreation facilities and opportunities for art study, situated at Rowe, in the Berkshires has been operated by the Unitarians over a period of years for youngsters and oldsters alike.

## Dr. Poling Speaks in Brattleboro on U.M.T.

Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Poling of New York, internationally famous Congregationalist churchman, president and editor of the Christian Century Magazine, and member of the President's Commission on Universal Military Training, will speak in Brattleboro Saturday evening, May 22, it was announced Thursday night at the monthly meeting of Brattleboro Post No. 5, American Legion. The place of the meeting, which is expected to draw a sizable crowd considering the reputation of the speaker, will be announced later. The event will be the last of the Legion Post's series of six forums for the season.

Dr. Poling was unable to accept an invitation from Haven H. Spencer Post last February, but expressed his willingness to do so in the spring. His appearance in Brattleboro gives Northfield residents the opportunity lost last winter.

Commander A. Luke Crispe of the Brattleboro Post of the American Legion extends an invitation through Commander Richard Steenbruggen to all Northfield people interested in hearing this interesting speaker.

The President's Commission of which Dr. Poling was a member was composed of well-known representative leaders of American life. It included Rev. Edmund Walsh, president of Georgetown University, representing American Catholics; Dr. Karl A. Compton, president of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and representatives of Jewish citizens, Negroes, science and industry. The commission was unanimous in its recommendations to President Truman for universal training.

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The Press accepts the challenge put by "Observer" in a letter in last week's issue. Plans are now being made to conduct a discussion group or public forum.

Although many feel that the summer-time would not be an appropriate season for serious discussion, we think that many of our readers who spend their summers in Northfield would have an opportunity to participate in this community project.

It has been suggested that we begin with a discussion group, and eventually expand into a public forum, by fall, with other organizations sponsoring speakers for alternate meetings.

Since plans are still in the organizational stage, suggestions are welcome from readers and interested citizens. Next week's issue of the Press will carry a coupon ballot of possible topics for discussion, with space to write in suggestions. It is hoped that every coupon will be returned, and those desiring extra copies for friends and neighbors may have them.

## POET'S CORNER

(Contributions by local poets are welcome)

### THEY SHOULD BE CLOSE TO GOD

By Philip Jerome Cleveland  
They should be close to God who plow the earth,

Tear up the briars and turn the nettles in,  
Bank high the rich brown soil and smooth it down

And harrow paths for life, straight, firm, and thin.  
They should be, men of faith and vision, all

Who aight in each torn, trampled plot a yield  
Of sun-gold harvests; ears have they to hear

The secrets whispered by a growing field.  
They should be gentle. Earth is soft as wool

Fresh turned, and rain is cool and sweet in spring;  
Where crickets chirp and little wings hum praise

Men must be kind and love the smallest thing.  
They seek and find the simple life — the bread

Of fields, the crystal waters of the stream;  
A sheltered hut against the hills, a hearth

And warmth when winter comes and men would dream —  
Dream once again of fields and growing things

When snows have gone and all the trembling clod  
Wakes with the trumpeting of spring. Men know,

Who keep the fields, the miracles of God.

### TO A LATE-COMER

Sky as any wood-nymph,  
Spring tip-toed down the hill,  
Swathed in snow-white petals  
She danced through waiting Gull.

I saw her as the sandalons burst in golden flame,  
I heard her as the oriole, in welcome, called her name.

The willows swayed in deference  
As she, in fragrance passed —  
And every brook rushed merrily  
To see her there at last.

Oh, Spring with pale green magic  
Has touched the quiet earth,  
And the heavy heart of winter  
Stirs with glad re-birth.

Betty H. Bell

## Union P.-T. A. News

The annual meeting of the Union P.-T. A. was held in the town hall at South Vernon last week. Those elected to offices for the coming year were: Mrs. Smead, re-elected president; Mrs. Samuel Kendall, vice-president; Mrs. Leslie Phillips, secretary; and Mrs. George Bailey, treasurer. Mrs. Peter Butinski, chairman of the committee, reported on the milk program for the school. Miss Ethel Eddy reported on the hot lunch project. Mrs. Lucille Palmer was chosen to attend the state hot lunch meeting.

After the meeting a buffet supper was served by the executive

## THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

To the Editors of the Northfield Press:

The bill to build up military strength through bonuses for voluntary enlistments, introduced by Rep. Leo E. Allen of Illinois, Chairman of the Rules Committee, is one that should be supported by every freedom-loving American.

This measure would allow two-year volunteers to choose either a \$1,000 cash bonus, or the educational and other benefits of the "G. I. Bill of Rights". To assist in the voluntary recruiting program, the bill directs the Secretary of Defense to form unpaid citizens' committees throughout the country to stimulate recruiting.

This bill is much more in keeping with the American way than the old world militaristic, freedom-killer: CONSCRIPTION.

Arnold J. Toynbee writes in his monumental "Study of History": "Militarism — has been by far the commonest cause of the breakdowns of civilizations."

Every mother who reads this and thinks she loves her children should take her pen in hand and write her representative, the President, Joseph W. Martin, Jr., Charles A. Halleck, Leslie C. Arends, Senators Taft and Vandenberg to stop the draft and give voluntary enlistments a chance.

The military claim that they cannot fill their needs by voluntary enlistments, yet immediately after hostilities ceased in 1945, Negro enlistments in the WAC were stopped; Negro enlistments in the Army were also not permitted in many instances and if you were an ex-SPAR you couldn't enlist in the WAVES! There were probably many more imbecilic conditions the military mind delights in spinning and the American people have only themselves to blame if they permit the militarists to seize control through military conscription of our youth.

Yone U. Stafford

May 8, 1948

## Town Topics

Robert de Voe visited his family at the Valley Vista last week.

Mrs. E. M. Powell has gone to Chicago to attend the inauguration of Dr. William C. Calkins as President of the Moody Bible Institute May 13.

Mrs. C. H. Streeter has been admitted to the Lahey Clinic in Boston for treatment.

Mrs. Paul Whitman and family visited Mrs. Murray Hammond last week.

Mrs. Inez Brown of South Vernon, who resides at the Bronson Nursing Home, is confined to her bed as a result of injuries suffered in a fall.

Martha Billings celebrated her fifth birthday at a party in Union Hall last Friday. Games were played and refreshments served to her little guests.

Miss Constance Annette Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miner Carpenter of Northfield, became the bride of Rudolph Gerstel of Greenfield, last Saturday afternoon at the Second Congregational Church, with Rev. K. R. Henley, officiating.

Harold Bigelow, Jr., was operated on for appendicitis at the Brattleboro Memorial Hospital on Friday, May 7, and is now at home recuperating.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E. Coburn, who spent the winter at their residence in Orlando, Florida, have returned to their summer cottage in Mountain Park for another season.

The Hinsdale Thursday Club entertained at their meeting and luncheon last week Thursday afternoon at the Hinsdale Congregational Church, eighteen members of the Women's Guild of the Northfield Congregational Church. An interesting program was presented with 72 at the gathering.

Miss Ruby Sheldon, who has been in Florida during the past winter, is at her cottage in the Highlands.

Miss Sarah Ayers of Danielson, Conn., has arrived at her summer home in the Highlands to spend the season.

Louis Van Phelan of Main street is in California having made the trip by plane on business with the Erving Paper Mills.

Rev. and Mrs. Loring Chase are at their summer cottage in the Highlands, having arrived from Florida where they spent the winter.

Miss Louise Roy has returned here after spending six weeks with friends in Danvers and Newton. She will reopen and occupy her summer residence in Pine Grove.

Mrs. Grace G. Cornell has returned from her winter's stay at St. Petersburg, Florida, and has

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We're not exactly sure when Garden Week is officially here, but with us, quite unofficially, it's right now. This is the season when the family contents itself with cold cereal and milk for supper while mother digs in the dirt. Part of the fun of gardening is reading the books on what to plant and how to plant. The best idea, of course, is to read the books first and then go to work, but we're original; we plant everything we can lay our hands on first in a frenzy of enthusiasm and then spend the rest of the summer reading up to find out what we did wrong.

Here are some suggestions for your spring reading — not new books but ones that are worth making friends with all over again. First, "A Sense of Humor" by Bertha Damon, a volume that the jacket review describes as "so witty and wise, so rich in the joys and sorrows of country living, of working with the hired man, of raising dogs, of visiting with neighbors. 'A Sense of Humor' will delight anyone who has ever planted so much as a radish. Or anyone who hasn't, for that matter." Incidentally, the fly-leaf of this gem of earthly wisdom is inscribed thus, "Presented to the Library that helped her the most — with affection and gratitude, Bertha Damon."

B. H. B.

Second on our list is "In Our Country Garden", by Clare Ogden Davis. According to the author herself, "This is a most informal record kept during one season in a garden near the Connecticut shore. It has no message, no purpose and I am sure it is neither uplifting nor edifying nor is it stuffy. It records simply a great adventure of the commonplace: wrestling loveliness out of glacial rocks and scant soil." This is such a gay and readable garden diary, rich with beautiful photographs, that we wonder why it stays on our shelves like a wall-flower, having gone out only ten times in ten years. We hope you'll give it a whirl in the next few weeks.

To mention a few more timely books, we add to our list "Old Dirt Dobbers' Garden Book" by Thomas A. Williams, a proud possession of the Garden Club of Northfield, on our shelves for your pleasure; "Pioneering with Wildflowers" by George D. Alken; and since birds and flowers go hand in hand we have picked just two out of our many fine bird books to recommend this week, "Adventures among Birds" by W. H. Hudson, and "Wild Bird Guests and How to Entertain Them" by Ernest Harold Baynes.

## COLONIAL CHRONICLES

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Much credit for this record either in books, monuments, or institutions, may be traced to such persons as George Sheldon, the Deerfield and Northfield historian and founder of Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association with its unique Memorial Hall, a museum, in Old Deerfield. This organization used to hold field days about the county to dedicate a monument and hear historical papers read. Furthermore, along with newspaper accounts of these events, they used to publish the papers in a volume every ten years. There are a few volumes in our Northfield Library. The next president of this organization Judge Francis Thompson, Sr., the Greenfield historian, is another source of local history.

However, for the youth in the past half century there are eight books by Mary P. Well Smith of Greenfield, half in the Young Puritan series and half in the Boy Captive of Old Deerfield series. Exactly fifty years ago she wrote YOUNG PURITANS IN KING PHILIP'S WAR (Mrs. Smith's husband descended from Hadley's Lt. Samuel Smith of King Philip's day).

The Turners Falls fight was a real climax in King Philip's War. It is due to the Indian defeat that the valley towns did not have to crowd more into two towns as the General Court advised.

Not too long after King Philip was killed and less fighting followed.

However in 1677, twenty peo-

ple were captured at Hatfield and Deerfield. Mary P. Wells Smith told of it in her book YOUNG AND OLD PURITANS IN HATFIELD. It is a remarkable bit of bravery, perseverance, and courage of two Hatfield men who went after their wives and children (one of these was one of the two who had a baby born in captivity and was the ancestor of the founder of Smith College) The two babies were named Captivity and Canada. The men were named Wait and Jennings. What the former went through to find out whether the captives were taken to the Albany region or to Canada and, if possible, to rescue the captives! He traveled to Albany, to Boston, to Albany again, this time with Jennings and the knowledge from a captive that Canada was the destination of the captors. For safer travel they sought the guidance from the English and Dutch in Albany and a Mohawk guide. To accomplish it they were in captivity themselves in New York City of that date, and when they did get permission and an Indian guide, he only conducted them to the shores of Lake Champlain.

This rescue of captives from Canada is the first of many that followed in the next eighty or more years, for the French hereafter got the Canadian Indians to help them attack the valley here, especially during each of the wars that England and France fought on the continent.

(To be continued)

## THIS WAYWARD COIL

(The following are excerpts from the works of Eugene Field, American Humorists)

### A TALE OF LOVE

The young Man is Reading a Letter and seems Deeply Agitated. Maybe it is a Letter from his Sweet Heart, and she has given him the Grand Bounce. How his Breast Heaves and how his Heart must Throb under his Celluloid Shirt Front. The Letter is from his Tailor. Let us not invade the Secrecy of the poor Young man's Grief.

### THE HUMOROUS BOY

This man is a School Teacher. He is going to Sit Down in the Chair. There is a Bent Pin in the Chair, and it will Bite the School Teacher. The School Teacher is a very able Man, and he will find it out as soon as the Bent Pin Tickles Him. Will the School Teacher rise again? We should

### PAPA READING

How nice Papa looks sitting by the Fire reading the Police Gazette. He is very fond of Literature. See how absorbed he is. There is a torpedo on the Mantel Piece. Take it down and Throw it on Papa's bald Head. That is right. Papa is not as absorbed as he was. He seems to be Hunting for a Strap.

### WILLIAM AND THE GIRL

The Girl has pretty Eyes and Red Lips. She is going to Take a Walk in the Star Lit Glen, where the Cricket chirps in the Hedge and the Jigaws play in the Grass. William is Going to Walk in the Glen, too. He will Meet the Girl and they will Talk about the Weather. We wouldn't Give a Cent for that Piece of Court Plaster on the Girl's chin by the Time the Girl gets Back Home.

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### Brotherhood Meeting Dr. Hume to Speak

Dr. Walter F. Hume, medical missionary, will speak to the Northfield Brotherhood at their final meeting, Tuesday evening, May 18. Dr. Hume will illustrate his talk with colored movies, showing life in Wai, India.

Dr. Hume spoke to the Women's Guild some weeks ago, and all those present were highly impressed with the work being done by Dr. Hume and his associates.

Election of officers will be held

during the evening, and supper will be served at 6:30 by Charles Olds and his committee.

### Fortnightly Holds Annual Meeting

Following the annual reports made by the secretary, treasurer and auditor, Mrs. Gerald Quigley of the citizens' committee reported on the bill for more state aid to public education.

The new officers elected for the coming year were: Mrs. George Carr, president; Mrs. Roger Greenwood, first vice-president; Mrs.

Robert Taylor, second vice-president; Mrs. Marshall Lamphear, recording secretary; Mrs. Thomas Parker, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Joseph Reeves, treasurer; Miss Elizabeth Bralley, auditor; Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mrs. Charles Neil and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean, directors; and Mrs. Ross Spencer, and Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston, co-chairmen of the program committee, with Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. Leonard Stebbins and Mrs. Rueben Rikert.

Speaker for the evening was Mrs. Walter Corbin of Florence, who spoke on "New England Steeples," with colored slides by Mr. Corbin. Piano selections were played by Russell Reed, Maria Lopez, Pearl Barber, Nancy Mann and Bobby Ware.

Tea was served by Mrs. F. Wilton Dean, Mrs. Delmar M. Jewett, Jr., Mrs. Philip Mann, Jr., and Mrs. Robert P. Barnes.

### Drive-in Theatre To Open June 1

The Carl H. Nilman Co. of Shelburne Falls has announced that the Northfield Drive-in Theatre, along Route 63, in Hinsdale, N. H., just over the Northfield line, should be completed by June 1.

The open air theatre will feature individual speakers for each car, and a special walk-in entrance for those on foot. Rest rooms and refreshment stand will also be constructed, and the entire surface will have a hard surface.

The opening date will be announced.

### For State Aid

The Committee on Education has taken a strong realistic step toward getting an economy minded Legislature to adopt a satisfactory state aid bill in this election year by reporting favorably H2182, a new bill based on S164. The equalization formula is almost identical with that proposed in S164. The proposal contemplates state aid to the amount of \$14,250,000 during 1949 (the State expects receipts exceeding \$7,000,000 more than in the past on income taxes because of the cutting of the federal tax). This bill definitely does not presuppose new taxes.

### Northfield Farms

Members of Community Club No. 4 have begun work on a swimming pool in Four Mile Brook, behind the clubhouse, for the benefit of members and their children. The project was started through the courtesy of Mrs. Charles Gilbert and the use of a bull-doser was donated by the Mackin Fuel and Trucking Company, with Walter Dymersky operating.

Since all time and work is gratuitous volunteers are welcome to help prepare the embankments. Volunteers may contact Albert Rice, Jack Young or Norman Fowler.

A cleaning bee was conducted in Union Hall last week. Those members participating were: Grace Young, Dorothy Rice, Virginia Leach, Florence Brown, Ethel Hammond, Hazel and Frank Stratton, Alice and Warren Billings and Albert Rice.

The Next Community Club No. 4 Dance will be held May 21, at 8 p. m., in Union Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Billings acted as patron and patroness for the Junior prom held in the Town Hall last Friday, May 7.

### Rabbit Show Here

On Sunday, May 16, 1948, at 10 a. m., the Green Mountain branch of the American Rabbit and Cavy Breeders Association will hold a rabbit show at the home of C. M. Heselson on Main street.

Last year more than 200 animals were on exhibit at the show, and at this year's show C. M. Heselson and the Northfield Hamsters will be among the exhibitors.

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### Engagements

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Mrs. Elliott Speer has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Caroline McMurtrie Speer, to Mr. Roger Dummer Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter T. Fisher of Winnetka, Ill.

Miss Speer is a daughter of the late Elliott Speer. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Robert Elliott Speer and the late Rev. Dr. Speer and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hunter Welles, Jr., of New York. Miss Speer was graduated from Baldwin School and Vassar College and studied at Union Theological Seminary. She is director of religious education at St. James Protestant Episcopal Church, New York.

Mr. Fisher is a grandson of Mrs. Walter L. Fisher and the late Mr. Fisher and of Mrs. William Francis Dummer and the late Mr. Dummer. He was graduated from Harvard in 1943, was a first lieutenant with the 20th Air Force in the war and will be graduated in September from the Harvard Law School, where he is note editor of "The Harvard Law Review."

### Taylor Will Head Superintendents

Robert N. Taylor, superintendent of Union 22, was elected president of the Franklin County Superintendents Association, at their annual meeting last Wednesday, May 12.

Other officers are: Sidney Osborn, of Deerfield, vice-president; and Edwin Cox, of New Salem, secretary.

### Town Topics

over last week end.  
Mrs. C. S. Cregar of Richmond Hill, N. Y., and her daughter, Mrs. Doris Gutman, were at their cottage on Rustic Ridge over last week end. Mrs. Gutman's daughter Joan is a student at the School for Girls.

Mrs. David Tomkins who has spent the winter in Westfield, N. J., at the home of her son-in-law and grandchildren, is at her home here for a short stay and arranging for its reopening for the summer season.

A shower in honor of Mrs. Sidney Given, Jr., was given by a party of friends at the home of Mrs. H. Keith Jacobus in Mountain Park on Tuesday evening.

### Prize Winning Letter "The American Way"

The following letter written by Gertrude C. Whitney of East Northfield, was one of the seven best letters out of a contest on the American way of life broadcast from Radio Station WKNE on the Monadnock Region Revell, Howard E. Wheeler, director, on Tuesday morning, April 20, 1948. As a prize each writer receive a copy of "Old-time Punishment in Cheshire County" published by the Cheshire County National Bank, courtesy of Mr. Wallace Mason, president.

This is Part I of the letter, the two succeeding parts will be published in consecutive issues of the Press:

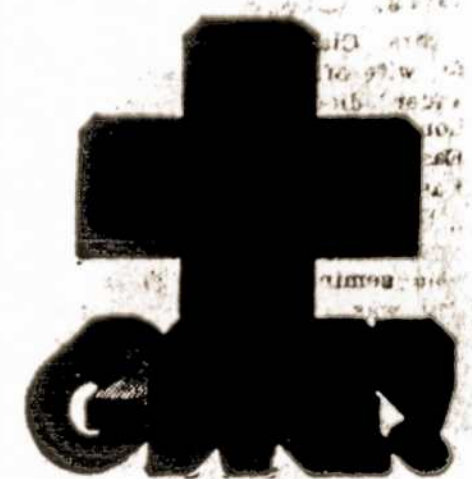
THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE  
AND WHAT IT MEANS TO ME

The earth moves from west to east, to meet the rising sun, yet the tide of empire has always been toward the west, toward the setting sun; even on the field of battle, a brave soul is spoken of as having "gone west", thus poetically linking the glory of dying for one's country with the sun's evening glory. In the pioneering days of the past century, one often heard the expression, "Go West, young man!" for the West, the "Golden West", was the "land of beginning again."

To return to the Old World, when the tide of civilization met the ocean tide, certain more adventurous spirits were not deterred from breasting that tide and launching out on unknown, uncharted seas for what lay beyond — the Lost Atlantis with its mythical Garden of Hesperides, the quest of better fishing grounds, or a more direct passage to Cipango and Cathay with their fabulous riches. Accidentally, a fascinating

new world was found and reports were brought back by excited sailors, of gold thicker than the sands of the beaches on the islands which they visited. Since money is said to be the root of all evil, and gold is potential money, the Spanish gold rush to the shining sands of the New World brought untold misery and practical annihilation to some of the unfortunate people possessing it. But down through the centuries, the burning seal of one scientist, who would prove that the world was round, transcends the sordiness of lesser souls.

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## OBITUARIES

## Mrs. Henrietta Pike

Mrs. Henrietta (Mowry) Pike, 71, died in a Northampton hospital. She was born in Leyden, daughter of Hart E. and Ella Mowry. She leaves two sisters, Miss Julia Mowry and Mrs. Grace Chapman, both of Hollywood, Florida; three grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. in the Smith funeral home. Burial will be in South cemetery, Leyden.

## Mrs. Clara Alexander

Mrs. Clara Baright Alexander, 68, wife of the late Leon R. Alexander died recently at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hubert Eastman of Winchester road in East Northfield.

Born in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., April 30, 1880, she attended Northfield seminary from 1897 to 1900 and was graduated from Lyndon Hall seminary in Poughkeepsie in 1901. She was married to Leon R. Alexander at Bradley Beach, N. J., May 6, 1901. She lived on the Britton farm in East Northfield for 18 years, at the Alexander homestead on Main street for 10 years and at the Baright homestead on Hinsdale road.

In 1944 she sold her home and moved to Winchester road. She was an active member of the Fortnightly Club, the WCTU, and of the Trinitarian Congregational Church. Mr. Alexander died Oct. 16, 1938. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Richard Ford Kiney of Boston, Mrs. William A. Hooper of Keene, N. H., and Mrs. Hubert Eastman of East Northfield. Grandchildren

are Karalee Joyce and Marjorie Ann Eastman.

Funeral arrangements are by the Kitter funeral home.

## Mrs. Grace Hatch

Mrs. Grace Hatch, wife of Roy E. Hatch, died at her home on Birnam road on Saturday, May 8th after a period of illness. She was born in Salem, Mass., and resided there until her marriage in 1897 when with her husband they came to Mount Hermon to make their home and where Mr. Hatch served as head of the Department of Science until his retirement in 1940. Then they moved to East Northfield and purchased their present home. However, they never severed their connections with the Mt. Hermon School and the campus community. They were charter members of the Mt. Hermon church and were ever faithful in their attendance of its services.

For 35 years, Mrs. Hatch served as superintendent of the Junior Sunday School and each Christmas time arranged the program and purchased the many gifts to be distributed. She showed great interest in the packing of boxes by the Mount Hermon Ladies Missionary Society, arranging and providing for the contents. Dresses for children were made and dolls provided. Her needle work was exquisite and appreciated by many friends. She was also active in the Ladies' Literary Society. The Hatches lived for 43 years at Hermon in the Burrows house, a spacious New England farm home built in 1831 and many a student came under the vigilant but sympathetic direction of Mrs. Hatch, to whom she became a second mother. From every section of the country come letters to her from former students and when in 1947 Mr. and Mrs. Hatch observed their 50th anniversary of their marriage, greetings came from all friends and they were numerous. In the months to come, the sympathy and friendliness given by Mrs. Hatch so generously will be missed by many. To her husband, who survives, is given the sympathy of both Mount Hermon and Northfield friends. Funeral services were Tuesday afternoon and interment was in Mount Hermon Cemetery.

Memorial services were held Friday afternoon at the Congregational Church with Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating.

health at the Franklin County Hospital on Tuesday, May 11th. She was born in Clinton on December 5th 1871, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Moody and was a niece of the late Dwight L. Moody.

She graduated from the Northfield Seminary in 1893 and then attended the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Following her educational experience, she spent many years in Missionary work in New York City and throughout the state of New Hampshire. She was loved and esteemed by a large circle of friends.

Surviving are a brother, Henry D. Moody of Great Neck, Long Island; four nieces, Miss Hortense Zimmerman of Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. F. G. Barber of Washington, Mrs. J. F. Pexton of Bronxville, N. Y., and Miss Mildred Orr of Catonsville, MD.; two nephews, Dick Orr and Raymond Carr, both of New York City. There is one great nephew, David B. Hammond of this town and two great nieces, Miss Helen Ropes of Northfield, and Mrs. Patrick Ryan of Miami, Florida.

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## A. Y. H. News

A group from the Bentley School in New York City has been using the Northfield Hostel as its base for the past week. As part of their regular school program, the group has come to Northfield and is making a study of the business enterprises which are carried on in this vicinity. They have enjoyed visits to the large modern dairy farm owned by Mr. Charles Tenney where, for the first time in their lives, some of the group had a chance to see farm life in general and livestock in particular. The group has visited the local sawmill, the Northfield Schools, and divided into three smaller groups so that each could attend a different church service on Sunday. They invited the young people's group from the Congregational Church to come to the hostel for a party on Monday evening. The exchange of ideas and dances (square and round) was mutually advantageous and enjoyable. The group has used bicycles for transportation — and the riding at times has been more exhilarating than that consistent with safety. On Tuesday they chartered a bus and spent the whole day in Brattleboro visiting the Eddy Organ Works, the Acordian Factory, the Dog Food Factory, Sports Goods Factory, and two of the large printing establishments.

The students are expected to make exhaustive reports on what they have seen and done. For this type of learning is coming to be considered even more important than that which can be obtained from classrooms and books. Educators are beginning to realize that unless the child sees a relationship between what he is learning and actual life it will be of little value to him.

The group is also learning a great deal about such simple tasks as cutting wood, building a fire, cooking a meal, making a bed, and sweeping a floor, for these are the things that are required of every hosteler. Hostelling "teaches through doing" and the opportunity is open to all.

## In the Churches

**TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister  
9:00 a. m., Junior Choir rehearsal.  
10:00 a. m., Church School and Young Peoples Forum.  
11:00 a. m., Morning Worship. Sermon, "From Night to Light." Nursery school.  
6:30 p. m., Pilgrim Fellowship. Robert Doney in charge of services. Robert N. Taylor will speak on "Reasons for Scientists Believing in God."

**FREE METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Helen D. Bassett, Pastor  
10:30 a. m., Service. Sermon, "Our Influence."  
11:30 a. m., Sunday School.  
6:30 p. m., Young People meet. Janet Jones leader.  
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Mid-week prayer meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence Jones.

**UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
Rev. Hazel Rogers Greder, Minister  
10:00 a. m., Sunday School. Mrs. Carroll Miller, supt. Classes for all ages.  
11:00 a. m., Church Service and Sermon. Anthem — Choir. Children's Story, "The Story of Betsy Allen." Adult Sermon, "Spiritual House Cleaning."

8:00 p. m., American Unitarian Youth Group. The young people will hike to the East Northfield reservoir, returning by way of the garage for refreshments. All young people are welcome.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

More than sixty members of the five-year classes will gather on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls for a three-day reunion. The classes represented are from 1903 to 1943 inclusive.

The program will open Friday afternoon and will continue through dinner Sunday. The climax of the reunion will be reached Saturday evening when the visiting alumnae will give a party in honor of the class of 1943 at the Chateau. The returning alumnae will be

housed for the week end at the Chateau but will take their meals on the campus. Arrangements for the reunion will be in charge of Miss Mabel Darrach, executive secretary of the Alumnae Association.

The service of installation for the Cabinet of the Northfield School Church will be held at 11 o'clock Sunday morning in Russell Sage Chapel. Miss Barbara Groth of New Britain, Conn., will be installed as chairman for the next school year and Miss Barbara Becker of Brightwaters, N. Y., the retiring chairman, will also take part in the program. A communion service will conclude the program of installation.

Guest preacher at Memorial Chapel Sunday, May 16, at 10:30 o'clock will be Rev. Wendell Phillips of Christ's Church in Ely, N. Y.

Sunday morning, May 16, Dr. William B. Park, president of the Northfield Schools, will preach at Mt. Holyoke College in the morning and in the afternoon he will speak at Deerfield Academy. The same evening Dr. Howard L. Hubbard, headmaster of Mt. Hermon School, will preach at the Emma Willard School in Troy, N. Y.

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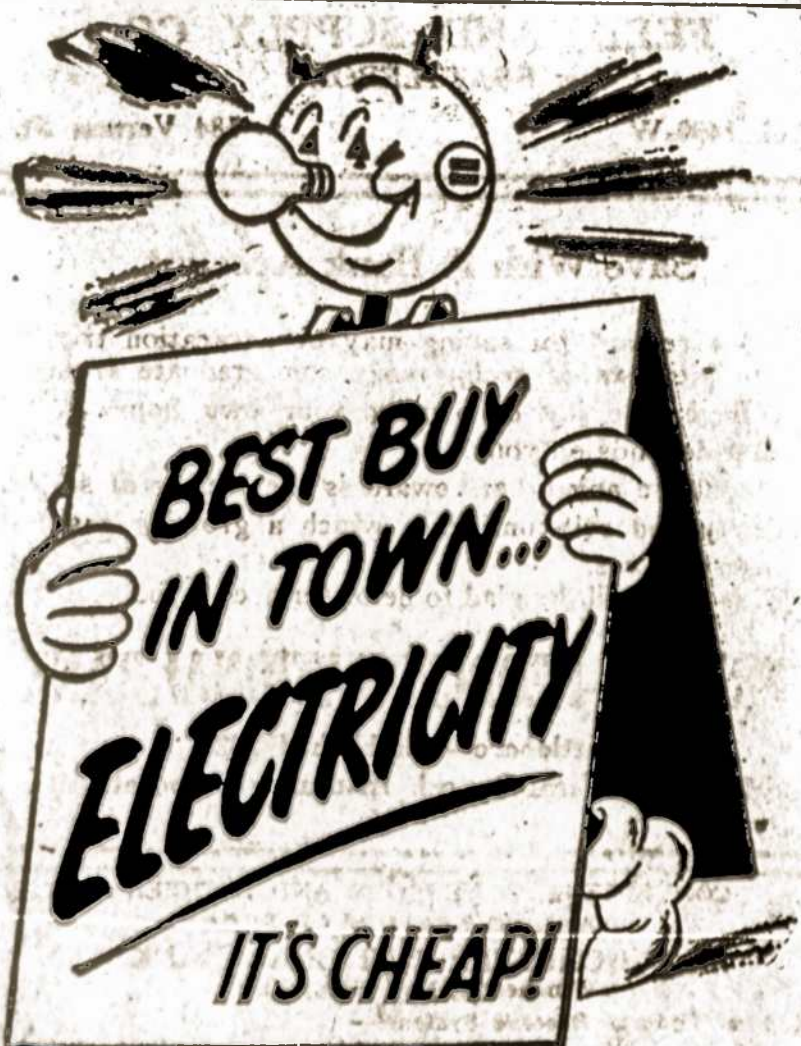
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